

Implementation of Wage Board Recommendations By Certain Newspapers.

*Q.—55. Sri S RAJAGOPAL (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether any complaints have been received that the proprietors of some daily newspapers have not implemented the recommendations of the Wage Board ;

(b) if so, the details of the claim so made by the employees ;

(c) whether any complaints have been made that salaries are not being paid in time ;

(d) the action Government have taken in the matter ?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(a) No complaints as such of non-implementation have been received by the Labour Commissioner except the one mentioned below :—

Sri M. C. Narasimhan stated orally that the Working Journalists Wage Board recommendations had not been implemented by certain newspapers and wanted verification of the position. This was done and no evidence of non-implementation was found.

(b) As stated in reply to clause (a) above, the complaint being of general nature, specific details are not available. However a complaint received in this behalf from one Sri Chickamuniswamy, Sub-Editor of *Tai-Nadu*, has been settled amicably and he is again working in the *Tai-Nadu* Press.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c) above.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—What is the number of newspapers and the number of journalists ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I am sorry I have no information readily available.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—What is the date on which recommendation was made ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I am not able to give the answer readily.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—Who is the authority that looks into the increase in the revenue and help in the reclassification ? Have the Government verified this aspect also ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—That will be done in accordance with the recommendations of the Wage Board for Working Journalists.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—Has the *Tai-Nadu* implemented the recommendation ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Our information so far is that they received one complaint and the dispute had been amicably settled, between the parties. If any more complaints are received, they will be certainly looked into.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—Here it is mentioned one. “Sri M. C. Narasimhan stated orally that the Working Journalists Wage Board recommendations had not been implemented by certain newspapers and wanted verification of the position.” Was the complaint of Chickamuniswamy received after Sri Narasimhan’s report or before ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—My information is that Sri Narasimhan made a complaint in the Committee of which he is a Member. But the other complaint is received separately and it has been dealt with. If there are any more complaints, the Government is prepared to look into them.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—You have said that it has been amicably settled with the management of the *Tai-Nadu*. Is it influenced by the Government or did they themselves settle it ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have already given the information received. If it is brought to the notice of the Government that it has not been settled or if any more information is to be got, the Government will look into the whole question.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know what is the report that the Government is having on hand from the various newspaper offices ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—There is a report no doubt, but I would place the entire report on the Table if the Hon'ble Member wants.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I want to know what are all those newspapers which have not paid the salaries in time to the Journalists.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—As I have already said, according to the information received so far, there are no complaints with regard to the payment of wages and other things excepting the one that has been brought to our notice in regard to the *Tai-Nadu*.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—Are the Government at least aware that conciliation proceedings are going on with the *Tai-Nadu*?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Government was not aware. Perhaps these things might have been dealt with at the departmental level. Now that my Hon'ble friend mentions that it has been taken up for conciliation, the Government will take note of it and see that they are implemented.

Sri T. R. PARAMESWARIAH.—May I know whether the Government have verified whether the recommendations have been implemented by that Newspaper?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Generally the Labour Commissioner and the officers concerned will look into this matter as and when complaints arise.

2-00 P. M.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Have the Government got any agency to see that these awards are implemented properly?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Yes.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Who is that agency?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The Labour Department.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Mileage of Roads formed under Rural Communication Programme in the State.

*Q.—20. Sri G. V. GOWDA (Paliyam).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total mileage of roads formed under the Rural Communication Programme upto 28th February 1962 in the State;

(b) the total amount spent for the same;

(c) whether these roads are being maintained after they are formed?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) 12,861 miles.

(b) Rs. 350 lakhs upto end of 1981.

(c) It is proposed to hand over these roads to Taluka Boards for maintenance.

Establishment of Agricultural Research Stations during the plan Period.

*Q.—175. Smt. BASAVARAJESWARI (Manvi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total number of Agricultural Research Stations that Government intend to establish during the Plan period;

(b) the names of places where they have already been started and also the places at which they have decided to establish them?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) 16 Agricultural Research Stations are to be opened.

(b) (i) There are 47 Agricultural Research Stations existing as per the list below.

(ii) Given in the list below.